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On 21 July 1955, a meeting was held in the office of Rudolf Schmidt, head of the Main Administration of Radio and Telecommunications Technology (Fern- und Funktechnik) Ministry of General Machine Construction. Participants at the meeting were the SED Party secretaries, FDGB Plant Union Directorate (BGL) Chairman, plant directors and technical directors of all nationalized enterprises subordinate to the Main administration. Schmidt informed this group that according to a decree issued by Helmut Wunderlich, Minister for General Machine Construction, the main emphasis (Schwerpunkt) of the work of VEB Funk- und Fernmeldeanlagenbau Berlin and of the main administration would be directed toward stepping up television production.

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